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"Some 14,000 - 15,000 persons, mostly Kars-Kalpaks, were deported compulsorily during March and April 1953 from the towns of Turktul, Khiwa, Urgench and Bukus in the Kara-Kalpax A S S R and from Tashauz in the Turkmen S S R. They were resettled in the large cotton kolkhozes around Chimbay and Karauzick Chara -Uzyak? and in the Khorezm oblast. These kolkhozes had been prepared as early as summer 1952 for the reception of these deportees.

- "The homes and laids of these deportees were expropriated by the authorities and transferred to the administration of the CHIDAZHIDROSTHOT Trust. This Trust is erecting buildings for the Turkmen Canal. The homes, at least in Kniva, Urganch and Bukue , have been allocated to non-Kara-Kalpaks who are being permanently resettled in the area. The newcomers are mostly Rushians, but they include nationals from other Seviet republics inclining the Baltic States. In March 1952 about 8,000 Russian workers and their families dirived in the area.
- "Even native Kara-Kalpaks who used been actually employed on canal construction have 3. been resettled to make room for the newnomers.
- "Thu Rekhmenov, a high Party official of the Uzbek SSR is in charge of the date mantitionelle project.

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